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RECOMMENDATION: Accept the course, 30. Our Geological Environment.


Graduate Record Examination. Participation in an Institutional Testing Program to provide for a comprehensive appraisal of the students' orientation in three broad areas of human culture. Discussed and decided to participate. Testing to be on Saturday, May 8.

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, March 1, 1965, at 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members present: Mrs. Brown, Dr. Edwards, Miss Felten, Mr. Forsythe, Mrs. Helmer, Mr. Osborne, Dr. Pierson, Dr. Rice, and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members absent: Mr. Cleland, Mr. Dalton, Dr. Nelson, Dr. Staven.

Also present: Mr. M. V. Walker.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Garwood.

Application for a new course. The application for a new course from the Physical Science Division was presented. The description of the course is as follows:

30. Our Geological Environment. 3 cr. hrs. A non-technical non-laboratory course for a general elective or to partially satisfy the Physical Science requirement. Not open to biological or physical science majors requiring a laboratory course. A basic study of physical and historical geology. Lectures, laboratory observation, museum visits and field trips.

Mr. Walker explained that this course was planned to fit into the basic studies program. It would provide a course in the area of geology. At present the geology area does not have a basic studies course and this would be a non-laboratory course suitable for that program. This course is not intended for biological science majors as they need the laboratory course. There are several good textbooks suitable for this course which would provide the broad approach needed.

It was asked if this course would be printed in the new catalog. Dr. Garwood said that the galley proof of the catalog has not been received and it would be possible to add this course although it would increase the cost of the catalog.

The course was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was moved that we accept this course, 30 Our Geological Environment, 3 cr. hrs. Seconded. Carried.

Report: The report showing the Distribution of Grades for the Basic Education Classes, Fall, 1964-65 was presented to the Senate and discussed. Dr. Garwood said that this report would appear in the Faculty Bulletin so that it would be available for everyone.
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Graduate Record Examination. Dr. Garwood read a letter from the Educational Testing Service regarding an invitation to participate in an Institutional Testing Program to provide for a comprehensive appraisal of the student’s orientation in three broad areas of human culture: Social Science, Humanities, and Natural Science.

The details of the testing are as follows:
1. Tests must be administered between April 12 and May 15, 1965.
2. All senior undergraduates must take the test, unless prevented from doing so by illness or other unavoidable reasons.
3. Each of the three sections of the test requires 70 minutes. It will be necessary to arrange for a testing period of approximately four hours.
4. There will be no charge for the testing and materials and no honoraria will be provided for supervisors and proctors.
5. ETS will furnish each participating college with a confidential report of scores for each of its students who is tested.

Items discussed were as follows:
Should this test be administered on Saturday. It was suggested that a Saturday morning would probably be the best time. According to the calendar, May 8 probably would be the best Saturday.
Any student with 86 or more credit hours completed and who has not completed requirements for a bachelor’s degree would be eligible to take the test.
The space needed would be four or five of the largest rooms—A108, A310, A106 and P304.
The procedure in handling this was discussed, i.e., how might students be motivated to participate.
It was suggested that it might be handled through the division chairmen.
The scores would be of value to students as they may refer to the score and this should be stressed in motivating students to participate in the testing.
The emphasis should be on the value of this testing.

It was the consensus of the group to go ahead with plans for the ETS testing on Saturday, May 8.

Dr. Garwood announced that the Faculty Senate would not meet next Monday, March 8 and that the next meeting would be on Monday, March 15.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Florence Bodmer, Recorder